

**IOWA LEGISLATIVE HEALTH CARE
COVERAGE COMMISSION**

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WORKGROUP I EXCHANGES

**2010 DRAFT
RECOMMENDATIONS**

SUBMITTED BY DR. CARLYLE

Recommendation 1.

The Iowa Comprehensive Health Insurance Association Board should lower the premium rate for Association coverage to below 150 percent of the average premium in the voluntary market to achieve greater parity with the HIPIOWAFED program.

Recommendation 2.

If the Iowa Comprehensive Health Insurance Association Board does not have the statutory authority to lower the premium rate for Association coverage to below 150 percent of the average premium in the voluntary market, Section 514E.2(5)(e) should be amended to allow the Association to exercise the authority to reduce the premium below 150 percent of the average premium in the voluntary market.

DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS SUBMITTED BY DHS – JENNIFER VERMEER FOR CONSIDERATION BY WORKGROUP I:

1. The state should plan for a new eligibility system that will meet the requirements of the Affordable Care Act and will support eligibility determination for Medicaid, CHIP, and the tax credit subsidies within the Health Benefits Exchange. The planning for the eligibility IT system needs to align with the planning work for the Exchange.
2. The eligibility system should be housed within DHS to avoid duplication of effort.
3. DHS should start planning and analysis for the new IT system immediately in order to meet the tight timeframes required by the ACA. The planning must identify and address any impacts to current DHS IT systems and necessary remediation.
4. Due to the tight timeframes, and need for integration between Medicaid and the Exchange, both from an IT and operational perspective, the Governor and the Legislature should establish the Exchange governance structure during the 2011 Legislative Session.
5. Due to the major reengineering of DHS Medicaid eligibility work required to integrate with the Exchange and meet the requirements of the ACA, DHS should begin planning and analysis immediately, including evaluating information technology, process reengineering, policy changes, and use of innovative tools and strategies. This planning and analysis will support the development of an implementation plan that will ensure seamless operation with the Exchange and meet federal requirements over the next 12 months.